

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE**

On March 18, 2015, the Regional Planning Commission (Commission) conducted a public hearing at the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Headquarters in the City of Lancaster to consider the Renewable Energy Ordinance (Ordinance). Department of Regional Planning (DRP) staff presented on the Ordinance, which amends Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County (County) Code to establish a set of procedures and standards for review and permitting of solar and wind energy projects. Thirteen (13) members of the public testified and raised various concerns regarding the applicability of Community Standards Districts to renewable energy projects, size of small-scale solar and wind energy systems, adequacy of the landscaped buffer and water usage requirements, cumulative impacts of utility-scale projects on the Antelope Valley, and other concerns. Many members of the public also requested that utility-scale projects be prohibited. The Commission also raised questions for DRP staff regarding these concerns, and continued the matter to April 8, 2015.

On April 8, 2015, the Commission held a continued public hearing in downtown Los Angeles. DRP staff requested the Commission continue the matter to April 22, 2015 to allow more time to address the concerns raised at the March 18, 2015 hearing as well as provide any update Ordinance language. Two (2) members of the public testified via remote testimony from the DRP Antelope Valley Field Office and raised additional concerns regarding the impacts of wind turbines on natural wildlife, inadequacy of setbacks in protecting viewsheds, and other concerns. The Commission continued the matter to April 22, 2015 as recommended by DRP staff.

On April 22, 2015, the Commission held a continued public hearing in downtown Los Angeles. DRP staff presented on the revisions to the Ordinance and how the Ordinance addresses the concerns raised by the public. Eleven (11) members of the public testified and raised additional concerns regarding the size of small-scale solar and wind energy systems, impacts to natural resources, concentration of utility-scale projects in the Antelope Valley, Minor Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process, and other concerns. The Commission indicated that many of the concerns raised by the public have been addressed, and clarified that ground-mounted utility-scale projects will require a full CUP, not a Minor CUP, and that the Ordinance would require small-scale projects to be properly sized. The Commission then closed the public hearing and adopted a Resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopt the proposed amendments to Title 22 (Advance Planning No. 2014-00004-(1-5)). Commissioners Modugno, Valadez, Louie and Pedersen voted aye. Commissioner Pincetl was absent.

On April 22, 2015, the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) conducted a public hearing relating to the Ordinance for consistency with the adopted County Airport Land Use Plan (ALUP), County Airport Land Use Commission Review Procedures (Review Procedures), and General William J. Fox Airfield Land Use Compatibility Plan (Fox ALUCP). The ALUC found the Ordinance consistent with the ALUP, Review Procedures, and Fox ALUCP.

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